

**Remarks**

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003. The Action sets for a Restriction Requirement to the following:

- I. Claims 1-28, drawn to devices for coupling a patient's eye to a surgical laser system, classified in class 606, subclass 166.
- II. Claims 29-40, drawn to applanation methods for correcting spherical aberration of the cornea, classified in class 606, subclass 5.

Applicant elects without traverse Group I, claims 1-28, for further prosecution. Claims 29-40 have been withdrawn without prejudice from examination in the present application.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P02540US0 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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